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ADVENTURE IN THE WILDS OF ECUADOR

Trying to make friends with a hostile jungle tribe

*In the dense jungles of Ecuador, where some of the headwaters of the Amazon rise, an English missionary is trying to make friends with a fierce Indian tribe, the Aucas. These stocky, long-haired people, living in primitive conditions, have shown themselves determined to 'keep their forest fastness to themselves. In January 1956 they massacred five young American missionaries who had tried to win their confidence by flying over their riverside settlement, dropping gifts, and then landing on a sandspit. Their story has been movingly told in a book, *Through Gates of Splendour* (Hodder and Stoughton 16s.) by Elisabeth Elliot. A more recent chapter of this story is now told here by a CN correspondent.*

A PILOT of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, founded to provide air transport for mission work in inaccessible parts of the world, has been carrying an English missionary over the jungles of Ecuador. The missionary, Dr. Wilfred Tidmarsh, has been reconnoitring the valley of the Curaray River, where the Aucas killed five young American missionaries in 1956. For he still hopes to win their confidence, in spite of all.

Every three weeks, for more than a year, one of these dangerous flights has been made from the Ecuador township of Shell Mera over the settlement where the last tragic contact with the Aucas was made.

Dr. Tidmarsh has been dropping small gifts over the settlement and his pilot, flying low over the dense green carpet of the tree-tops, has sighted jungle tracks and sometimes footprints on sandbanks or in the mud at the sides of the river. These marks, and the roof of their big leaf-thatched

house, have usually been the only signs of the Aucas.

Last August Dr. Tidmarsh decided to go and live on the banks of the ill-famed Curaray River, not far from the spot where the young men were killed. From the air he spotted a stretch of flat land where a landing-strip could be made and, taking some Christian Indians with him, he set about clearing the site.

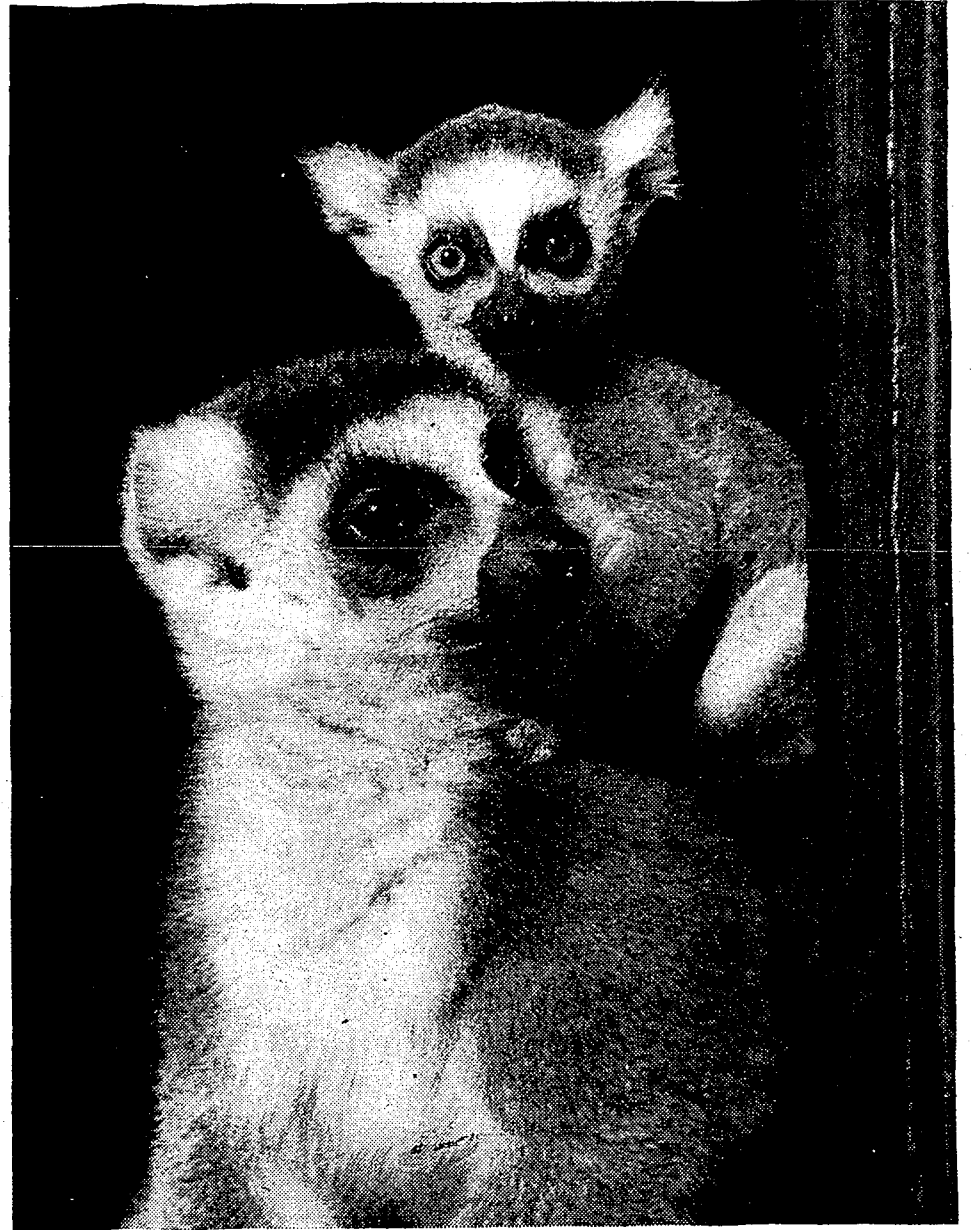
This meant cutting down trees, many of which were up to 150 feet high. Having done this and cleared the undergrowth, they built a bamboo hut and an airstrip.

Outside this hut he set up a model aircraft, painted bright yellow, so that the Aucas might connect this with the missionaries' friendship flights. He also got the children of various Indian mission schools to carve a number of smaller model aircraft from the balsa wood which grows in the jungle, and to set them floating downstream to advertise the missionary's presence.

ATTACK ON THE HUT

Then Dr. Tidmarsh had an accident which sent him into hospital, and while he was away, in October, the Aucas attacked the bamboo hut, battering in the door and scattering his household belongings. Across the doorway they left two of the triangular wooden spears they are so expert in throwing. They were fixed, one across the other, and through the wall above each window another spear had been thrust.

On receiving this report from his Indian friends, Dr. Tidmarsh went back to the hut. Then he noticed that the deep barbs cut in the spears had some paper bound to them. And the paper proved to be torn from a small pocket Bible. He could read a part of Psalm 119. He was sure then that the raiders were the men who had killed his companions—one of them the owner of the little Bible.



Little Bright-Eyes

Lester, the Bristol Zoo's lemur baby, gazes wide-eyed at the world from his mother's back.

CLASSROOM PROJECT

Torquay schoolboys have produced a prize-winning display illustrating Canadian life and industry. It is on view at the Imperial Institute, London, until the end of the Christmas holidays.

By means of models and maps, charts and diagrams, illustrated note-books, murals, paintings, and drawings, the display deals with Canada's history, development and present-day aspect. It is a joint effort by 42 boys aged 11 to 12 of Audley Park County Secondary School, and it won the first prize of £20 in a competition organised by the Over-Seas League.

The boys carried out this project in addition to their lessons.

TRAFFIC SPOTTING BY WARSAW SCOUTS

In September a thousand scouts in Warsaw spent two days watching traffic at the Polish capital's busiest points.

They made notes of the kinds of vehicle passing their observation points, their direction and speed, and the extent of traffic "bottle-necks."

Now their records are being studied by road engineers, and the result will be a changing of bus stops, traffic control points, and road signs which will help everybody in the city.

The good work of the Warsaw scouts was rewarded at the beginning of November, when representatives of the 18 best troops met the Council and were presented with canoes, pontoons, and tents for next year's camping expeditions.

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Bill of all trades



Bill Fury is a man of many jobs in his Lake District village of Coniston. He is a hotel keeper, haulage contractor and bus proprietor, a fire officer and taxi-driver. Finally, he is not only a chimney sweep, but he delivers the coal which makes the soot.

MINISTER WITH A BIG FUTURE

MR. REGINALD MAUDLING, the Paymaster-General, was born on March 7, 1917, was educated at Merchant Taylors' School and Merton College, Oxford, has been M.P. for Barnet since 1950, and was appointed Economic Secretary to the Treasury in November 1952.

The official record is brief about this young man—politically young at 40. But many of his contemporaries regard him as a future Prime Minister, so one of our special correspondents here gives a little more information about him.

Of Reginald Maudling's recent years we can add that under Sir Anthony Eden he became Minister of Supply and that last January, when Mr. Macmillan succeeded Sir Anthony, he became Paymaster-General. As such he was spokesman of the new Ministry of Power in the Commons.

Next year's parliamentary archives will record the fact that he was given special *extra* responsibilities in connection with the European Free Trade plan, recently described in C.N.

He first attracted attention in Whitehall in 1941 when, as Flight-

Butler, then Chancellor of the Exchequer, had made up his mind to avail himself of Mr. Maudling's great abilities as an economist.

In November 1952 he became Economic Secretary to the Treasury. From that time he was marked out for promotion, because his handling of the Commons was masterly and the way he explained dull economic subjects quite exceptional.

Mr. Maudling was one of the ten youngest Conservative candidates at the 1945 election, and since then he has borne out all his early promise.

Today he addresses the House on all matters for which his chief, the Power Minister, is answerable in the Lords—coal, gas, electricity, oil, and nuclear energy. He is a link between the Treasury, Foreign Office, and the Board of Trade on European Free Trade and, as such, is directly responsible to the Prime Minister.

Now he has the resounding title of Paymaster-General. This was a post of great power in the 18th century. Today, as he himself recently said, the job is "an absolute sinecure—I do not pay anybody and I am not master of anything."

But he is indeed master of all those subjects which a future Chancellor of the Exchequer should have at his command, and his great talents are becoming more and more recognised in the House of Commons.

Mr. Maudling is a happy family man. He married a well-known West End actress, Beryl Laverick, and they have four children. The fourth, William, was born last March, the day after Mr. Maudling's fortieth birthday, and was christened in the crypt of the House of Commons. His two godfathers were Mr. Fred Erroll and Mr. Charles Orr-Ewing, both junior Ministers, and his godmother was his own ten-year-old sister, Caroline.

What is the secret of this young man? Keenness is certainly part of it. He rises early, takes Government papers home to read at night, rarely "lets up"—and enjoys life.

If and when Britain becomes a member of a really United Europe one can confidently predict that the name of Reginald Maudling will be prominent on the roll of pioneers.

Two M.P.s who Advise the House of Lords

By the C.N. Parliamentary Correspondent

IN the House of Lords the other day Viscount Stansgate asked whether the Law Officers of the Crown—the Attorney-General and the Solicitor-General—could ever "attend" the House of Lords.

It should be made clear right away that today both these dignitaries are M.P.s. (The offices are held by Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller and Sir Harry Hylton-Foster.) Both are members of the Government, though not of the Cabinet, or inner Government.

Their task is to advise the various Government Departments on matters of law. In important court trials either may prosecute on behalf of the Crown. In the House of Commons they answer questions and reply to debates on matters of existing law and on Bills passing through the House.

15th-CENTURY CUSTOM

In reply to Viscount Stansgate, the Lord Chancellor—who is head of the judiciary, the body of British judges—explained that from the middle of the 15th century the Attorney-General, then called the King's Attorney, sat on the Woolsack in the Lords as an adviser.

The Solicitor-General was first summoned to the Lords in 1809. Before that time, for instance in the reign of Elizabeth I, he sometimes sat as Speaker of the House of Commons. But the Commons after 1614 would not allow his colleague, the Attorney-General, to preside over them because of his association with the Lords.

This ban was relaxed in 1673, when Francis North was permitted to sit as Speaker, and it was after that date that the Attorney-General's association with the Lords faded and he became a permanent member of the Commons.

ADVICE AND COUNSEL

Theoretically the Lords can still ask the Attorney-General to "attend" their chamber. But the writ summoning him asks him to attend and "give your advice," whereas the writ summoning a peer to attend the House asks him to "give your counsel."

As the Lord Chancellor explained, the Attorney-General cannot speak in the Lords—he has "no voice"—unless he is asked specially to give his advice. But the peers are there by right to speak together, and in the parliamentary sense that means "giving counsel."

It is a distinction with a difference and an interesting sidelight on an old Westminster custom.

AEROPLANE WHICH WILL NEVER FLY

A plane that will never leave the ground is to be kept in a hangar at Hatfield Technical College, not far from the famous de Havilland aircraft factory.

It will be used for the practical training of aircraft maintenance engineers. The students will take the machine to pieces and re-assemble it.

News from Everywhere

Scale models of old farm wagons made by senior boys at Hunton and Arrathorne county school, Yorkshire, were included in an exhibition of arts and crafts at the Catterick Army Camp.

The Suffolk village of Preston is changing its name to Preston St. Mary to avoid confusion with the many other towns and villages called Preston.

CHAMPION WHEAT CROWER

A farmer from Manningtree, Essex, has won the world wheat championship at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair at Toronto, the first British farmer to win it in the 22 years of the show. His exhibit was a red winter wheat known as Capelle Desprez.

Australia's oldest insurance company, the Victoria, recently opened new offices in London. When it was founded in 1848 Melbourne was a wooden town of 12,000 people with no fire brigade. So the company's first transaction was to buy its own fire engine.

NEWSPAPER CENTENARY

The Birmingham Post is 100 years old on December 4.

The Cornwallis, one of the "wooden walls of England," is being broken up. Built in 1814 as a 74-gun three-decker, she was converted to steam in 1854, but for many years has served as a landing jetty at Sheerness dockyard.

Amateur radio enthusiasts in Edmonton, North London, have repaired 100 radio sets for old age pensioners.

RICHARD'S LITTLE PIG

Richard Tween of King's Lynn has a little pig named Scruffy which trots around the yard behind him just like Mary's Little Lamb.

King Olav V of Norway will not have a Coronation, but will receive the Blessing of the Church at Trondheim Cathedral next summer.

ART BOOKS ON SHOW

An exhibition of books on art, organised by the National Book League, is to be on view at the Tate Gallery in London from December 11 to January 8. Admission is free.

At Bideford in Devon blue tits have pecked at stained-glass windows in the parish church, and have also attacked wallpaper in several houses.

Over 920 links between ships and schools have been made by the British Ship Adoption Society. Even so, there is a waiting list of over 90 schools for which the society has so far been unable to find a suitable ship.

A non-stop flight of 10,600 miles from the United States to Buenos Aires and back was made recently by six U.S. B52 bombers. Refuelled in the air, they averaged 560 m.p.h.



The Rt. Hon. Reginald Maudling

Lieutenant Maudling, aged 24, he was transferred from the Air Staff to become private secretary to the Liberal ex-leader, Sir Archibald Sinclair, who was then Air Minister, and is now Lord Thurso.

He had specialised at school and university in economics and finance, and was by training a barrister. But he had political ambitions, though no man is more amiably clever at concealing them. By the time the war ended he was prospective candidate for Heston and Isleworth.

HIS FIRST CHANCE

He was defeated at the 1945 election which swept the Labour Party to power, but he won Barnet in 1950. Between those dates he became a pillar of the Conservative research centre which, under Mr. Butler, began to revise Conservative policies. By 1948 Mr. Maudling was beginning to be noticed as a future Minister.

His first chance came in April 1952, when Sir Winston Churchill, returned to power the previous autumn, had decided to merge the Transport and Civil Aviation Ministries. He had made Mr. Maudling the Parliamentary Secretary responsible for civil aviation.

But it was noted that only a month or two later the rising young politician took part in a debate on the Finance Bill. Mr.

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THE TRANSLATING MACHINE

A machine which can translate Russian into English and vice-versa may sound like a dream, but American technicians have succeeded in making one.

The United States National Science Foundation has reported that at a recent demonstration the machine translated a nine-word Russian sentence into English in as many seconds. One problem yet to be overcome is how to make the machine translate grammatically, instead of taking the words in the order in which they are written.

ROYAL TORTOISE

This is a picture of Tu'Malila, who must have lost count of his age. In 1777 Captain Cook gave him to the King of Tonga, and that



makes him at least 180 years old! Today Tu'Malila lives in the Royal Palace at Tonga with Queen Salote, and is said to be the greatest character, outside the Royal Family, in the islands. He even has the rank and privileges of a chief and is traditionally given a token portion at State banquets.

NEW YACHTING POOL FOR HEREFORD CHILDREN

The children in Hereford will soon be able to sail their model yachts on safe water instead of on the River Wye. A big pool complete with 'jetty' is to be built for them in the city's King George V Playing Field.

Members of the Hereford Round Table will provide the money to build the pool—£1500—and do most of the work. The City Council have promised that they will maintain it.

Trees for the Royal Children

Two new trees will blossom next year in the grounds of Buckingham Palace. They have been given to Prince Charles and his sister by the Metropolitan Public Gardens Association, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary.

The tree given to Princess Anne is a flowering cherry. The one given to Prince Charles is a lovely Chinese tree, a Davidia, sometimes called a dove tree.

STONE AGE CAVE

Coygon Cave, between Laugharne and Pendine in Carmarthenshire has been scheduled as an ancient monument to be preserved. Excavations have shown that wild beasts lived in it during the Stone Age. The cave hyena, woolly rhinoceros, and a species of deer are among the extinct animals whose bones have been discovered there.

BREAKING THE ICE

The Canadian Minister of Transport has announced that two extra icebreakers will help keep the St. Lawrence River open this winter.

Since the 1920's the season for navigation on the river has been prolonged for a month or more, and ice does not now usually seal up the waterway till mid-December. Ships can expect to be free, too, to move again much earlier in April than was once the case.

An air reconnaissance service to warn ships of conditions ahead of them has done fine work and is to be extended this winter.

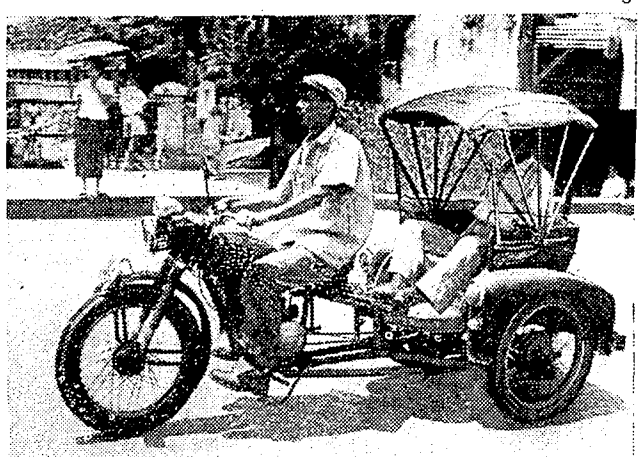
Rockets at the Crystal Palace

Once famous for its fireworks displays, the Crystal Palace was recently the scene of rocket tests. The BBC's 709-foot television mast was being tested for wind resistance. Ten rockets, each giving half-a-ton thrust, were fixed near the top of the mast, and as each rocket was fired, instruments in a van below recorded the effect on the tower.

FAITHFUL SERVANT

Miss Alice Keeton who is a cleaner at a Derby factory has been with the firm for 73 years. She started when she was seven, helping her mother make buns and coffee for the workmen every morning.

She still walks the two miles from her home to begin her work of cleaning each day at five o'clock in the morning.



Speed-up in Bangkok

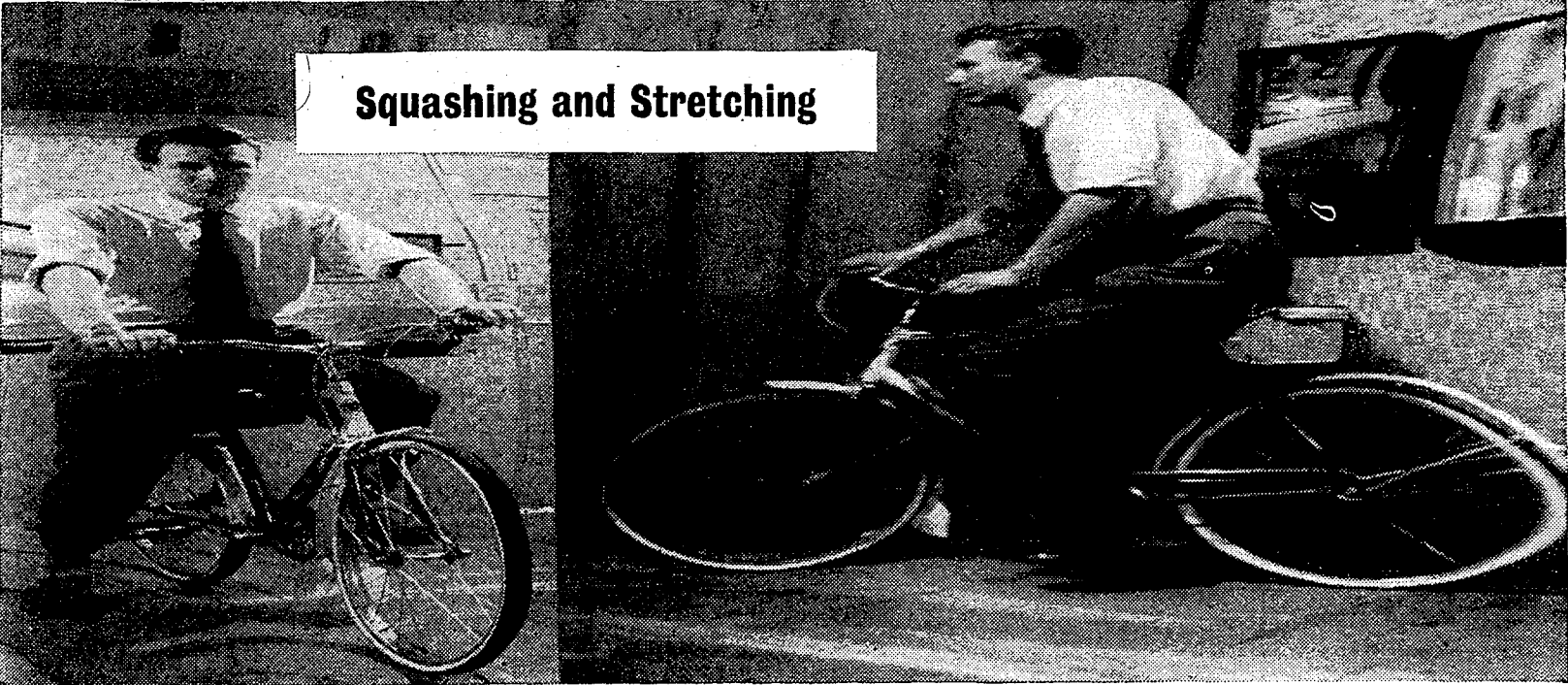
Rickshaw boys in Bangkok, Thailand's capital, found their bicycle-powered vehicles too slow. Now they are fitting motor-cycles, and our picture shows one of the new combinations on the road.

THIS KIND WORLD TO MECCA IN THE MODERN STYLE

Every Saturday afternoon two 12-year-old Somerset girls, Mary Kerridge and Rosemary James of Saltford, cycle off to take gifts of fruit and flowers to elderly women in Keynsham Hospital, not far away. They buy these gifts with their own pocket money, and needless to say, their weekly visits are regarded as red-letter days by the old ladies.

The girls also send birthday greetings to their adopted "grannies," and they are now making plans to give them Christmas presents.

Forty years ago Lawrence of Arabia and his Arab army blew up stretches of the Hedjaz Railway in Amman to hinder the operations of the Turks in World War One. Now the Director of the Hedjaz Railway has invited tenders for the work of reconstructing the derelict line. The line stretches 527 miles from Ma'an in Jordan to the Saudi Arabia city of Medina, but it is proposed to extend it to Mecca, to enable it to carry pilgrims to the holy city in a modern style.



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ERNEST THOMSON WRITES ABOUT RADIO AND TELEVISION PERSONALITIES AND PROGRAMMES

TV HAS A LOOK AT AMATEUR RADIO

CALLING America from a corner of Studio E in BBC Children's TV next Monday will be 18-year-old David Pratt of Bingley, Yorkshire. Will he get a reply?

"I think there's a jolly good chance." That is what David told me when I phoned him in his transmitter "den" at Bingley the other evening. To speak to me he had to break off from a radio chat with a fellow-amateur "somewhere in Yorkshire."

David, who runs his own private transmitter with the call sign G 3 KEP, has been chosen for Studio E as one of Britain's most enterprising radio teenagers.

Young viewers will see him working a transmitter lent for the programme by the Science Museum, South Kensington. Mr. Gerald Garratt, of the Radio Department there, tells me that the Post Office is co-operating by granting a special licence for the occasion with the call sign GB 3 LG, the last letters standing for Lime Grove. A transmitting aerial is being specially erected on Lime Grove roof.

Transmitting on ten metres, David will send a general call to America, and it is more than likely that someone on the Atlantic seaboard will pick him up and reply. If so, the voice will be heard on a loudspeaker in the Lime Grove studio.

The programme will be introduced by Arthur Garratt, well known in TV science features. "We are very remote cousins," said Mr. Gerald Garratt.

David Pratt, who now works as a technical development engineer with a radio and gramophone firm,



David Pratt at his transmitter
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got his first transmitting licence in January 1955. Educated at Bradford Grammar School, he gave many lectures on radio there, helping his schoolfellows to prepare for such radio exams as that of the City and Guilds. One of his successful "pupils" was his own physics master.

"Sometimes I stay up all night exchanging radio messages," David told me. "I have not contacted America so far, but I think we'll get somebody all right on Monday."

He has been making most of his radio apparatus himself ever since he began building crystal receiving sets many years ago.

Young Russians prefer the old tunes

WHAT do Russian teenagers like in the way of popular music? My old friend, Bob Reid, who recently returned from a trip to Moscow, will have some surprises for us in a broadcast he is giving in the Home and Light at 11.31 on Saturday morning.

While in the Russian capital he made an inquiry into what music teenagers preferred and what "pop" tunes the gramophone companies were producing. He found that their favourites were the sort of tunes that were popular here about 30 years ago. The style of playing reminded him of the British and American dance bands of the 1920's.

Listeners will hear two melodies from one of Russia's latest films, Carnival Night. According to Arthur Phillips, who edits the programme, one can compare this picture to a Hollywood musical of the late 1930's. But the Russian folk music is quite wonderful, as we can hear in recordings Reid made of various choirs.

Watch out for Ramar

HUNTING outfits are popular among young viewers in America who follow the adventures of Ramar of the Jungle. They may become popular in this country, too, for this

white hunter and doctor makes his first bow in British TV in Associated Television at 4.55 p.m. on Saturday, and will be seen weekly for a whole year.



Jon Hall

The Ramar is played by Californian-born Jon Hall, who has spent much of his life in Tahiti, where he won the island's swimming championship. His rôle in these stories is to guide tourist hunters on safari. He not only contrives their hair's-breadth escapes, but knows how to get on friendly terms with head hunters and witch doctors.

All done by mirrors

ALICE, as we know, stepped right through the Looking Glass. Percy Thrower, the Gardening Club expert in BBC Television, stays this side of the mirror, but sometimes he looks into it for half-an-hour at a stretch. It is his way of rehearsing for those jobs in the garden or potting shed that seem to come so easily to him in Gardening Club on Sunday afternoons.

Viewers have wondered how he manages to chat brightly while popping plants into the flower-pots with the ease of a conjurer. He never fumbles, and (touch wood!) has never yet been known to break a pot or spill so much as a spoonful of earth.

"It's because of my homework," says Mr. Thrower. "It's all done by mirrors."

PRINCESS MARGARET DOCTOR OF MUSIC

PRINCESS MARGARET will be wearing collegiate cap and gown this Wednesday afternoon when Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, as Chancellor of London University, confers on her the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Music.

BBC cameras will be in Senate House to show viewers the ceremony. Those of us who miss the live broadcast can see tele-recordings in the evening.

Princess Margaret is known to enjoy good music. She has played the piano since she was a little girl.



The Princess at Windsor in 1940

How Jim Smith became Jim Dale

JIM DALE, singer and guitarist in Saturday's Six-Five Special in BBC Television, owes his name to a typing mistake three years ago, when he was 17. His real name is Jim Smith, which was how he was introduced as an "unknown" to BBC producer Ronnie Taylor in 1954. But a secretary confused

him with his agent, Stanley Dale, and mixed the two names.

He emerged as Jim Dale, the popular young singing star who teams up on Saturday with Michael Holliday, Johnny Duncan and his Blue Grass Boys, Laurie Gold and his Pieces of Eight, and other Six-Five Special favourites.

Puppets in Fairyland

TWO-FOOT high puppets are to present the famous story of Beauty and the Beast in BBC Children's TV next Tuesday. They have all been made by Gordon Murray in the Lime Grove workshop, which was featured in CN on October 26.

Mr. Murray tells me this fairy tale to music will have a ten-piece orchestra conducted by Rex Redman. The story of the cottager and his three daughters will be told

by a narrator, but the puppets will also do some of the talking through voices off-stage.

Special scenery includes the lovely rose garden at the palace where the Beast lives—the Beast who falls in love with the youngest daughter, Beauty, and turns out in the end not to be a Beast at all, but a handsome Prince.

The photograph gives you an idea of the elaborate costumes which are to be used.



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IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK—DECEMBER 7, 1882

QUEEN VICTORIA OPENS NEW LAW COURTS

LONDON—This week's opening of the new Royal Courts of Justice in the Strand by Queen Victoria marked the opening of a new era in the history of British Justice. For the first time, all except the criminal branches of the law courts will function in one

be equipped with this new form of lighting.

This grand new building covers a site of five acres. As a result of a competition in 1872 the designs of Mr. George Edmund Street, R.A., were chosen for the building, which incorporates many modern devices and improvements. Heating will be by means of hot water circulating at low pressure through pipes of a total length of eleven miles. Special ventilation has been arranged so that warm or cool air can be introduced into the building as desired. Despite these modern devices, Mr. Street has used the Gothic style.

As a result one can easily imagine that the Great Hall is the nave of some cathedral, the pointed arches soaring to a height of 80 feet. Round it are grouped 24 courts and 1000 rooms. White stone is used only for the façade, and behind it are 35 million bricks.

Mr. Street made over 3000 drawings and devoted the whole of his time to the work. Her Majesty referred yesterday to the general regret that he did not live to see the completion of his work.

(The Gothic style of architecture was practised in Western Europe from about 1150 to 1550 and seen to most glorious effect in many of our medieval cathedrals. The 19th century saw a great revival of Gothic architecture, in hundreds of churches, railway stations, and various other public buildings. The Houses of Parliament are among the more notable examples of the 19th-century Gothic style.)

NEW SUPPLIES FOR ANTARCTIC SCIENTISTS

The little motor vessel Tottan is now on her way to the Antarctic with fresh stores for the Royal Society's base at Halley Bay (on the Weddell Sea), where 21 men are carrying out International Geophysical Year research. She is expected to arrive there early in the New Year, having first delivered cargo at the main Norwegian I.G.Y. base.

Two weather experts, a doctor, and a wireless operator are also travelling to Halley Bay and when they arrive some of the "old hands" will be able to come home.

The Tottan is taking two years' supply of food and fuel to the Royal Society's base. This is in case unusually bad ice conditions should make it impossible for a ship to reach there by January 1959, soon after the I.G.Y. has ended.

Listening to a lost opera

The other day opera enthusiasts of Milan were able to witness the performance of an opera which had not been heard for nearly 250 years.

It was by Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757) the great Italian harpsichord player who once competed publicly with Handel and was judged his equal on that instrument.

The work had long been lost till it was found recently by a Franciscan friar among some papers which had been put out for salvage. It was written when the composer was in the service of the Queen of Poland who, in exile from her country during the Great Northern War, was living in Rome and had a private theatre there.

CHANGING THE SHAPE OF HOLLAND

The Dutch have decided to carry out a huge engineering project, the biggest in the history of the Netherlands. It is called the Delta Plan, and will mean closing up sea estuaries round the island of Zeeland with four gigantic sea dykes running a total length of nearly 19 miles. When this great work is completed the map of Holland will be changed, for Zeeland will be joined to the mainland.

The new dykes will prevent any repetition of disasters like that in the spring of 1953, when the sea crashed through 300 miles of the defences in this region and flooded half a million acres of fertile land. More than 1800 people lost their lives then, as well as many thousands of cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, and poultry.

TV ON THE LOOKOUT

Television will aid navigation on the newly-launched 20,500-ton Swedish tanker Meline. A camera on the foremast will relay the view over the bows to a screen on the bridge.

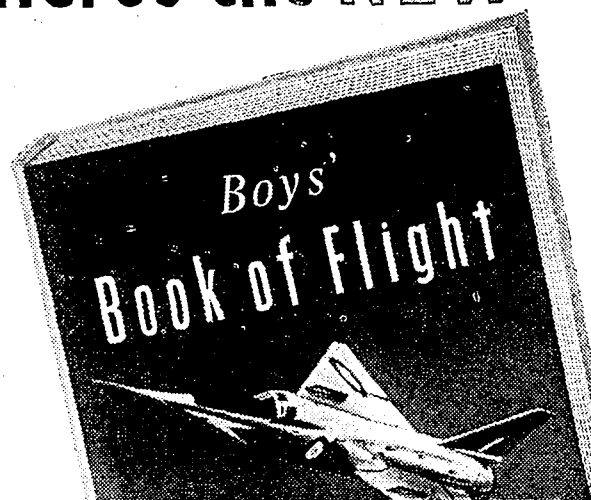
Most tankers have their bridge amidships, but that of the Meline is aft. This means a restricted view over the bows, which television will overcome. But a man will be there acting as a lookout just the same.

Noddy and Silky



Gloria Johnson plays Silky, and Colin Saul, plays Noddy, when Noddy in Toyland starts its run on December 23 at the Princess Theatre, London.

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FROM CYCLE TO MOTOR-CYCLE

MOST boys look forward to the day when they will be able to ride a motor-cycle; and there can be few 15-year-olds who do not think they could manage one just as well as their older brothers.

At present the minimum age for motor-cyclists is 16, and there are many people who think even this is too young. But after a long inquiry into the subject, the Committee of Road Safety are of the view that the minimum age should remain at 16.

They feel, however, that after passing a test 15-year-olds should be granted licences for motor-powered bicycles—mopeds, as they are generally known—provided that they take another test at 16 before being allowed to ride a motor-cycle.

The Committee further recommend that there should be different age limits for driving different classes of motor-cycles. They feel that it is dangerous to allow a 16-year-old without any previous motor-cycle experience to start riding the largest type of machine. They suggest, therefore, that no one under 17 should be allowed to ride a machine of higher power than 250 c.c.

To sum up: progress by stages at successive ages, and that is always good sense.

SPEEDY TORTOISE

THE tortoise mascot of an R.A.F. squadron now serving in West Germany has been promoted to flight lieutenant.

Nicknamed Albert Du Crosses, the tortoise has been promoted "in recognition of his three years' service with the squadron; his more than 50 flying hours in nine types of aircraft over seven countries; and his 13 breaks through the sound barrier."

Flight Lieutenant Albert Du Crosses is certainly no slow-coach. In fact, he must easily be the fastest tortoise in the world.

Think on These Things

THE prophet Isaiah speaks of Christ as "the Prince of Peace." "His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9. 6).

We know that Jesus is the "Prince of Peace." When He was born on earth the message of the angels was: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill towards men."

Jesus brings peace because He brings forgiveness. We cannot have peace in our lives unless we are right with God. A struggle goes on in all of us between good and evil, and it can only be resolved when we surrender our lives to God.

There can never be peace in our homes, at our work, or in the wider world, if we are selfish and ignore the needs of others. God first, others next, and ourselves last—that is the right order. For the way of Jesus is the way of peace. O. R. C.

The best fun

DOUBTLESS God could have provided us with better fun than hard work, but I don't know what it is. To be born poor is probably the next best thing.

Sir James Barrie

Grub's up

KANGAROO-TAIL soup, baked python, crocodile steaks, and witchetty grubs were on the menu at a recent Melbourne party celebrating the Australian premiere of the film *Around the World in 80 Days*.

Witchetty grubs, a delicacy favoured by the Aborigines, are large, fat, and white. They are found under the bark of eucalyptus trees and are said to have a nutty taste. The Aborigines eat them raw, but those at Melbourne were served in egg and breadcrumb batter.

As the head waiter might have said, "Grub's up!"

Like Tommy Stout

"DING DONG BELL, Pussy's in the well." So runs the old nursery rhyme, which also tells us that it was little Tommy Stout who pulled her out.

Well, remembering this rhyme, three little American boys recently went one better and saved the life of a playmate who had fallen down a well in Washington. They lowered a near-by bucket at the end of a rope, and then two of them held on, supporting the unlucky lad while the other ran for help.

THEY SAY . . .

I USED to enjoy piers very much as a small boy but during the war I once had to walk the whole length of Southend Pier to get to my ship and the glamour rather wore off piers after that.

Prince Philip

I ALWAYS take off my hat to Sir Winston Churchill.

Lord Attlee

I HAVE returned from the U.S.A. greatly encouraged by the wealth of goodwill displayed towards this country from coast to coast.

Mr. Geoffrey Rippon, M.P.

THE deep oceans cover over two-thirds of the surface of the world, and yet more is known about the shape of the surface of the moon than is known about that of the bottom of the ocean.

Mr. A. S. Laughton, of the National Institute of Oceanography

Two to one

A PHILOSOPHER was teaching a class in which one of the pupils had far too much to say. "Young man," he said, "we have two ears, but only one tongue, and this is in order that we may listen just twice as much as we speak."

JUST A FEW WORDS

HERE is an entertaining way to increase your knowledge of words. Each numbered sentence below is followed by three answers or comments you might make; but, in each case, only one is correct and shows that you have understood the meaning of the word in italics. To answer five or six correctly is very good.

(Answers are given on page 16)

- These are *prolific* plants.
A—Rarely found.
B—Short-lived.
C—Spread quickly.
- We heard about his *demise*.
A—A happy inspiration.
B—We are sorry he died.
C—A stupid mistake.
- The government made a *crucial* decision.
A—An important choice.
B—Hard-hearted.
C—A foregone conclusion.
- She wore a *scintillating* necklace.
A—Sparkling.
B—Brightly-coloured.
C—Expensive.
- The scientist examined a *viscous* substance.
A—Sticky.
B—Spongy.
C—Evil-smelling.
- We look forward to *halecyon* days.
A—Long.
B—Peaceful.
C—Exciting.

Thirty Years Ago

From the Children's Newspaper,
December 10, 1927.

A NEW and remarkable application of wireless signalling is announced. When switched on in a fog at sea signals last for one second in every half-minute.

The signal is received as a streak of coloured light flashing over the compass-card on the bridge of the receiving vessel. The streak appears at the exact point of the compass from which the message has been sent out, and its intensity shows how far it has travelled.

Thus vessels put into communication by the new invention will know each other's exact position, and night collisions may be avoided.

JUST AN IDEA

As Robert Herrick wrote:
Who with a little cannot be content
Endures an everlasting punishment.

Out and About

THE flowers of gorse, little pointed yellow flames, are bright in the brief sunshine which makes the hoarfrost glitter all over the common. With a clear sky the white traces of winter's frosty fingers would have melted away early in the morning. Now a chilly east wind has come up and promises more frost this evening.

On the whole, December is generally more like autumn than winter.

LEAVES STILL GREEN

Severe weather before the New Year is so rare that we could not be surprised to notice how many leaves remained on bramble bushes, some still green and others tinged with red and yellow.

At the edge of the common the old lane is sheltered by trees as well as a dip in the ground. The brambles are thicker and greener there, along with some dense green dark privet, not to mention the holly bushes, which hardly count as they are ever-green.

The birds we saw were as lively as at any time except the spring breeding season. They showed no more concern about the threat of wintry weather than the flowers which go on blooming as a matter of course at this time. The gorse we saw is one of the hardy sort, not minding the open. Jasmine, which looks delicate, will bloom in most places. But others depend more on shelter, as for instance the primrose, the daisy, and the violet, not to mention the lingering garden roses.

INSIDE THE HEDGE

The flowers of December keep the many insects alive which, in cold weather, welcome the comparative warmth inside a hedge. So do small birds. Among the finches we noticed was a handsome, though soberly-plumaged bramble finch. He stays here only for the winter, and knows as well as our native birds that insects can be found in a good hedge as well as inside the woods.

We saw the commonest of our native finches (some say it is the commonest of all our native birds)—the handsome chaffinch, and also the distinctively coloured yellow-hammer, a close relative of the corn bunting. The yellow-hammer is the bird whose spring song has been translated into the words, "a little bit of bread and no cheese," but he is quite pleased with a lot of little midges lurking in bushes at this time of year.

WINTER'S LOST DAYS

At the end of the year it is nearly always easy to find signs of milder conditions than old calendars and books about agriculture suggest. One cause of the seeming change is that when our calendar was altered in 1752 eleven days were dropped. What used to be December 7 is now December 18.

C. D. D.



OUR HOMELAND

The fine church tower looking out over the Flintshire village of Northop

MASTER TELLER OF TALES OF THE SEA

Joseph Conrad was a remarkable man, a Polish-born sailor who came home from the sea, became a British subject and, turning his hand to writing in an alien tongue, produced some of the finest novels written in English during the last hundred years. We remember him specially this week because he was born on December 3 just a hundred years ago.

JOSEPH CONRAD—his real name was Korzeniowski—was born in one of the southern provinces of Poland at a time when that country was divided between three Powers: Tsarist Russia, Germany, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire which broke up in the First World War.

While Joseph was still a child his father joined a Polish uprising, was arrested, and was sent into exile in Russia. Josef and his



Joseph Conrad

mother followed, and when she died the boy was sent back to Poland to live with an uncle.

At school he read translations of Captain Marryat and Victor Hugo and formed a passion for the sea. When he was nearly 17, despite opposition, he resolved to go to sea and spent three years in French ships. Some of his exciting adventures can be read in his novel *The Arrow of Gold*.

SEA OF ADVENTURE

The Mediterranean thenceforward had a special appeal for Conrad, and in his novels *The Rover* and *Suspense* are some wonderful descriptions of its coast and of ships and seamen, mostly French. In his recollections of his life as a sailor, most of it spent in the British merchant navy, Conrad wrote:

"Happy is he who, like Ulysses, has made an adventurous voyage; and there is no such sea for adventurous voyages as the Mediterranean—the inland sea which the ancients looked upon as so vast and so full of wonders. And, indeed, it was terrible and wonderful; for it is we alone who, swayed by the audacity of our minds and the tremors of our hearts, are the sole artisans of all the wonder and romance of the world."

One finds this mood of Conrad in stories set in all parts of the world, from the East Indies to South America. Some of the best tales are sea stories, but with real meaning in the human characters, as in *Youth*, *Typhoon*, *The Nigger of the Narcissus*. Others have a touch of mystery, such as *The Shadow Line* and *The Secret Sharer*.

One of his best stories, *Lord*

Jim, is a powerful study of a young seaman fighting with his conscience and trying to atone for an act of cowardice. But in telling it the author once more packs the pages with vivid scenes, mainly in Far Eastern waters.

Some of Conrad's other tales are romantic and exciting enough for anybody, though not connected with ships at sea, among these being the novel, *Victory*.

Conrad's work is coloured by his own deepest feelings. This is understandable, for he had sad memories of his oppressed Poland and of the death of his mother in exile. His going to sea was a kind of escape, and he was determined to justify himself to his relatives and friends.

In his years in the British merchant service he worked up from being a hand in a coastal vessel to the rank of captain of foreign-going ships, taking his exams in London while he was still learning English.

FIRST NOVEL

He had started his first book, *Almayer's Folly* (another of the tales of a European in the colourful east) before settling in England, and was much encouraged by Edward Garnett to go on writing. Garnett, a fine critic, was reader to the publishers who launched Conrad.

Everyone who reads Conrad's autobiographical works knows how he looked on England as his second home. Yet he never forgot his childhood impressions. His books, *A Personal Record* and *Notes on Life and Letters*, tell us of this and also about his school-days. He discussed them with me in a long conversation at his home in Kent two years before he died.

It may comfort some readers to know that Conrad confessed he was "no good at grammar" though "my composition could always pull me up in the class . . . As I had always been a reading boy, I remained a reader after going to sea, and reading is the best way to pick up any language."

R. L. MEGROZ

WAITING IN COMFORT

Push-button heating has been installed in a waiting-room at Petersfield Station, Hampshire. In cold weather passengers can push a button to switch on an electric heater in the ceiling. After 15 minutes the heating is automatically switched off, and remains off until passengers push the button again.

Operating only when passengers are using the waiting-room, this service saves waste. Other stations will get it if the Petersfield experiment is successful.

He goes to school by boat

Most children walk or cycle to school, and thousands of others get there by bus or train, but an eleven-year-old Devon boy named Barry May travels part of the way by boat.

Barry's home is at Turf, at the southern end of the Exeter Canal, and a long way from the nearest road. On one side of it is the wide Exe estuary and on the other are acres of marshland which are sometimes under water for weeks on end.

The only paths never under water are the ones on either side of the canal, and Barry is allowed to cycle along these in summer as far as the ferry at Topsham. But in the winter, when gales are often blowing and the paths are icy, he has to leave home at 7.30 in the morning and go northwards up the canal in his own boat as far as Topsham.

WAVE OF GREETING

Sometimes he gets a wave of greeting from one of the boats that regularly call at Exeter. He knows many of these vessels and a good many of these crews as well, for he often helps his father, who is a lock-keeper.

At Topsham he has to leave the canal and cross the River Exe on the ferry. The ferryman waits for Barry, who then ties up his boat so that it will be ready for his journey home. The ferryman makes a special journey to fetch him every day, but sometimes the weather is so bad that the ferry cannot run, and then Barry has to miss school. But usually he steps off the ferry-boat at Topsham and walks to the station to catch a south-bound train to his school at Exmouth.

Barry spends a good deal of his spare time "messing about in boats." He also likes watching the many birds that haunt the marshes near his home. So do tens of thousands of other boys—but not many of them have the fun and excitement of going to school by boat.

Leading part



Jocelyn Ward, of Haslemere, Surrey, played the lead in *Pitchblende*, a play about Madame Curie. It was produced recently by the Hovenden Players at their theatre club in London.



NEW TOWN FOR RHODESIA

A new town to be built near Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia, will take its name from the beautiful Cotswold village of North Cerney, near Cirencester. It will be called New Cerney, at the suggestion of one of the planners, Mr. Kenneth de Courcy, whose home is in the Cotswold village.

Royal statue for Nigeria

A fine statue of the Queen is to stand in the House of Representatives in Lagos. The sculptor is Ben Enwonwu, art advisor to the Nigerian Government, and the clay model, seen here, was inspected by Prince Philip at the exhibition now open at Suffolk Street in London. It is now to be cast in bronze.

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NEW CHURCH FOR CITY OF YORK

Transforming the ruins of old St. Martin-le-Grand

THE city of York is to have a new little church in a garden. It will be built on part of the site of the bombed Church of St. Martin-le-Grand, and the work is soon to be started.

The Church of St. Martin-le-Grand was once York's chief parish

when the church was bombed in 1942.

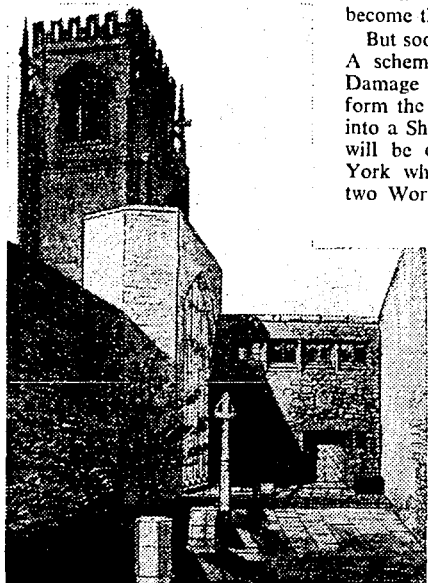
For more than 15 years the outer walls of St. Martin's have been standing, stark and bare ruins, in the heart of busy Coney Street. Within them, weeds and coarse grass have grown up on the rubble. The fine tower at the west end has become the haunt of pigeons.

But soon all this will be changed. A scheme approved by the War Damage Commission will transform the south aisle of the church into a Shrine of Remembrance. It will be dedicated to the men of York who lost their lives in the two World Wars, and a Book of Remembrance containing their names will be placed in a casket in the nave.

The great problem, said the Dean of York not long ago, has been not so much whether or not to rebuild the whole church, but what was to be done with the superb west window. This problem, however, has been solved by the architect, Mr. G. G. Pace, and the window will be blended harmoniously in all its former glory with the new church.

This St. Martin's window, as it is called, is a national treasure. St. Martin of Tours, in his archbishop's robes of rich red, is the central figure, and round him are 13 panels picturing incidents in his life. In the tracery are figures of angels, and at the foot is the kneeling figure of Robert Semer, the vicar who gave

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The architect's drawing of the Memorial Garden, with the tower of the new church on the left, in the shadow of the old.

church, and it was there that the Lord Mayor worshipped. It was a fine example of 15th-century architecture and was famed for the medieval glass in ten of its windows. Fortunately, three small windows in the south aisle, and also the wonderful west window, were taken out at the beginning of the war and so were not destroyed

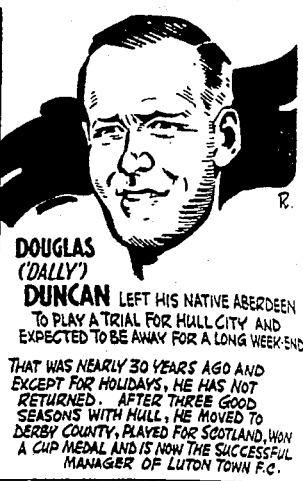
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Sporting Flashbacks



DOUGLAS ('DALLY') DUNCAN LEFT HIS NATIVE ABERDEEN TO PLAY A TRIAL FOR HULL CITY AND EXPECTED TO BE AWAY FOR A LONG WEEK-END THAT WAS NEARLY 30 YEARS AGO AND EXCEPT FOR HOLIDAYS, HE HAS NOT RETURNED. AFTER THREE GOOD SEASONS WITH HULL, HE MOVED TO DERBY COUNTY, PLAYED FOR SCOTLAND, WON A CUP MEDAL AND IS NOW THE SUCCESSFUL MANAGER OF LUTON TOWN F.C.

TREASURE HOUSE OF FRENCH HISTORY

Housed in a group of historic buildings in one of the most beautiful parts of Paris, the French National Archives are said to be the biggest in the world. It has 114 miles of shelf and storage space, and recently an additional 25 miles were added. Now plans are being made to increase this shelf space by a further 60 miles.

Also in this group of buildings are laboratories and workshops where damaged books can be restored and rebound. There are photographic studios, too, for filmed records are kept of all France's most precious documents. Valuable family records are also filmed here.

this splendid glass to his church in 1437.

This great window, 30 feet high, will be framed in a five-sided tower of the new church, and will look out on the memorial garden.

Separated from the bustle of Coney Street by the stone walls of the old church, this garden will be a hallowed place of rest; and in the centre of it will stand the Cross of Remembrance, visible to all who pass by, night and day.

FAIRY PENGUINS MARCH

Australia's Fairy Penguins are on the march again. These eight-inch birds, smallest of the penguin family, are actors in one of Nature's most enchanting plays—the nightly parade from the surf to the rookeries on Philip Island on the Southern Coast of Victoria.

For four months each year these tiny penguins live in the rookeries which dot the cliffs there. Each morning either the father or mother goes out to sea in search of food while the other stays behind sitting on the eggs. And each night, shortly after the sun has set, they waddle from the surf to the rookeries.

OVER THE ROLLERS

The "walk-in," as it is popularly termed, opens with an overture of barking that floats in from behind the Southern Ocean's rolling breakers. Then the first little figure is seen, the white front reflecting the spotlight focused on the sea for the benefit of the tourists and schoolchildren.

More and more of the penguins assemble and then begin their famous march, first noted by Surgeon Bass when he discovered the island with Captain Flinders nearly

150 years ago. In little more than 30 minutes some 4000 birds will waddle ashore.

For them it is the end of a long day's swim, often exceeding 70 miles. They are expert swimmers and navigators, and they always find their way back to the narrow neck of sand in front of their rookeries. And they always return with a crop full of partly digested fish for the benefit of those at home.

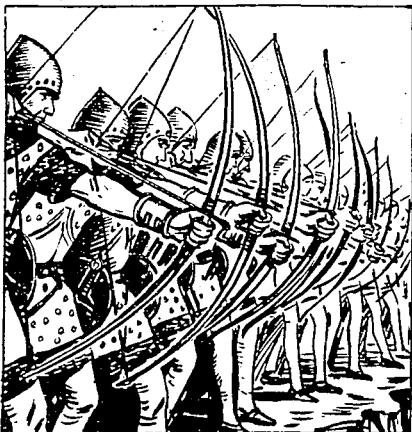
1500 CHICKS

Before long, the rookeries on Philip Island will be full of chicks—some 1500 are expected this year—and even more food will be needed.

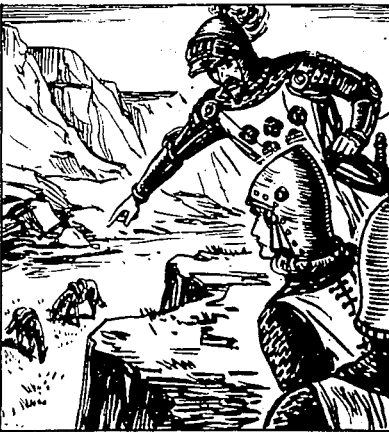
The chicks are round little balls of fur, very playful and curious from the first. For three months they are under the flippers of their parents; then, in late December, they are left on their own.

For little over a week they live off the fat of their own bodies and then take their first plunge and swim for their own suppers. The rookeries are then deserted for another year and all is quiet on Philip Island.

THE WHITE COMPANY—new picture-version of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's stirring yarn (13)



The Spaniards dismounted and surged up the hill on foot. The White Company shot the last of their arrows into them, and then a desperate hand-to-hand struggle began. Alleyne, at Sir Nigel's side, found himself swept hither and thither in the crowd of fighting men, exchanging thrusts one instant with a Spanish cavalier, and next torn away by the whirl of men and dashed up against some new antagonist.



The enemy retired to the foot of the hill, but they prepared to charge again, and it was clear that The White Company's thinned ranks must be overwhelmed. In the lull, Sir Nigel took Alleyne and another squire to the cliff-top at the rear of the hill. He told them they must descend by means of a rope. Then they were to catch two horses and ride to fetch help from the Black Prince's army.



The other squire went down first, but was killed by a Spanish slinger's stone. Alleyne followed. He was already wounded by a sword-cut across his forehead, and a stone struck his side as he slid down. He had reached the foot of the cliff when a stone knocked him senseless. The slinger ran forward to plunder him, but Hordle John, watching from the cliff-top, hurled a rock that felled the Spaniard.



Alleyne came to his senses, staggered to his feet, and gazed wildly about him. His eyes fell on the grazing horses, and in an instant all had come back to him—his mission, his comrades—the need for haste. Stumbling towards a horse that was still saddled, he managed to heave himself on to its back. He felt dizzy and sick, but he told himself he must not die, for his life meant many lives that day.

Can Alleyne fetch help in time to save The White Company? See next week's concluding instalment

NO CLUES FOR THE CONWAYS

by Geoffrey Morgan

Brett Hallam, owner of the yacht *Windfall*, has disappeared. Amos and the Conways salvage the yacht, but later suspect she is not Hallam's boat. Jerry discovers that *Domino*, a yacht similar to *Windfall*, has been sold to a Mr. Bland, who lives at Seeley Hall. Blake, a private detective working on the mystery, crashes in his car and loses his memory. Jerry is convinced Blake called at Seeley Hall before he crashed, and he wonders if Bland and the accident are connected. Leaving Jane to watch from outside, he goes to the Hall and rings the bell.

13. No yacht for sale

As Jerry stood in front of the massive oak door trying to ignore his fluttering heart and straining to catch some sound of movement within the house, the first doubts about the wisdom of his mission set in. Could he carry it off without fluffing his lines? What excuse was he going to give for refusing to enter if Bland invited him? Maybe Jane was right, he should have left this part to the skipper. They should have gone back and reported to him. But it was too late now to change his mind.

He glanced back towards the gates. They seemed a long way away; but his one consolation was that Jane was out there, watching him.

His attention was jerked back to the door by the rasping sound of a bolt and chain. The door creaked open, and he saw a gaunt-faced man in the narrow gap. He wore a navy jersey, dark trousers, and canvas yachting shoes which, Jerry guessed, must have muffled the sound of his footsteps on the boarded floor.

"I'm sorry I haven't an appointment with Mr. Bland," Jerry began politely, "but I wonder if I could see him?"

Mr Bland abroad

"Mr. Bland is not here at this time." The man spoke with a strong foreign accent. "He is travelling abroad." The dark eyes narrowed. "What beezness do you haf with him?"

"Oh, none yet." Jerry tried to sound casual. "My father's looking for a new boat and I'm following up all inquiries for him. I understand Mr. Bland has a yacht for sale?"

"I do not see how you understand it," the foreigner replied suavely. "There is no yacht for sale here. Mr. Bland is abroad and

haf left no instructions for the sale of his boat."

Jerry felt the interview less fearsome than he had imagined, but he was not making much progress.

"He has a Grey Dolphin Class yacht?" The question had slipped out before he realised it might be giving too much away.

The man inclined his head. He did not appear to understand.

"Huh? A Class yacht, you say?"

"Yes. A certain type—shallow draft motor-sailer. A Grey Dolphin Class boat. That's what we're looking for."

"Ah." The man's frown suddenly lifted. "A sailing yacht—yes?"

"That's right."

"You haf made a mistake," he said pleasantly. "Mr. Bland keeps only a motor-yacht, a cruiser. He used sail many months ago, but it was too unreliable, you understand? Now he haf only the cruiser and"—he chuckled—"I



He saw a gaunt-faced man

haf no instructions to sell that."

"I see," Jerry said lamely.

"I am sorry you haf been troubled for nothings." The man shuffled back a step, clearly indicating that he wished to close the door and the interview.

"Oh, it's no trouble," Jerry answered cheerfully. "And thank you for the information."

He heard the door close as soon as he was in the drive, and although he guessed his exit from the grounds was watched, he did not look back.

Jane had left her observation post and was standing behind the hedge waiting for him as he came out into the lane and shut the gate.

"I saw it all," she said, smiling with relief as he joined her. "Was it Bland you spoke to?"

"No. Some foreigner." He quickly gave her the gist of the interview. "I think he was lying," he ended. "I'm sure Bland is there.

What's more, we know from Dr. Weston's son that he bought *Domino*."

"And the foreigner told you Bland used to sail months ago?" she queried.

"That's what he said. But he's really slipped up, hasn't he? We know that Bland bought *Domino* two months ago or thereabouts. Dr. Weston's son said so, and he ought to know."

Seaman's rig

"Sure," Jane agreed. "The man's a phoney all right. One of Bland's servants, I guess, put up to give the pat answer to any caller."

Jerry frowned. He remembered the man's clothes.

"No, I shouldn't think so. He was in seaman's rig. Wearing canvas deck shoes. Looked as if he'd just come off a boat."

"Maybe he had. It was lunch-time," Jane's eyes widened. "Sure, that could be it, Jerry. He'd come in for his meal. Bland saw you coming and sent him to the door. He knew what he'd got to say as soon as you mentioned boats."

"Hm," Jerry muttered. "I guessed he wasn't just a servant."

"You said he was a foreigner, too. D'you figure he was German?"

"I don't know, but I suppose he could be." He suddenly stared at her in surprise. "What made you pick that nationality, Jane?"

"I was just thinking what Blake told us, I guess. He said Brett Hallam had sailed for Germany—Cuxhaven, remember?"

To Germany?

"Yes, but we're dealing with Bland right now."

"Well, if he's mixed up in the business, he might have been to Germany, too. Maybe the whole thing has something to do with that country, and if it has, then a German helping him is a natural."

"Of course," Jerry murmured eagerly. "I hadn't thought of that."

"Not that it helps us any. We're not much further. Seems as if Bland's a phoney, but we still haven't any proof. Nothing concrete to offer Amos for the police."

Jerry nodded absently, his attention suddenly focused on the narrow overgrown track close to the boundary hedge. He stepped across to it, Jane following.

"This should lead down to the river," he said. "Now we're here we ought to see all we can. I'm pretty sure there's more than the cruiser afloat at the end of Bland's garden."

"I'm game," she encouraged. "You lead."

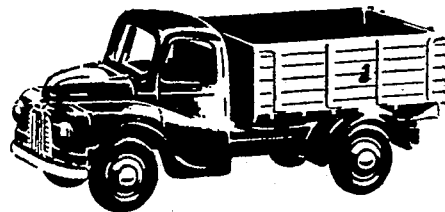
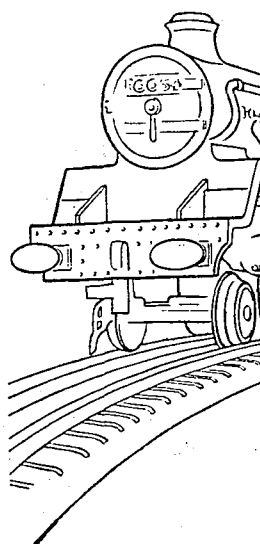
Jerry nodded and stepped over the shallow bank on to the track.

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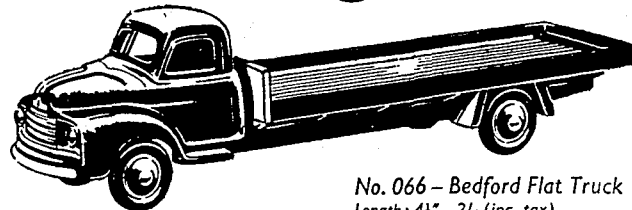
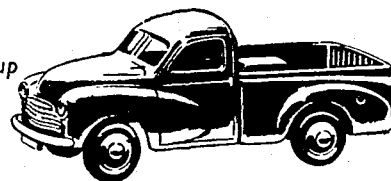
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THE GREATEST

CHRISTMAS, season of goodwill and happiness, is near. Exciting prospects of holidays and presents and parties are in all our minds; prospects of joys that will be all the greater because they will be shared with those most dear to us. There is a wise saying that a trouble shared is a trouble halved, and it is equally true that happiness shared is happiness doubled, or even magnified a thousandfold. Christmas is above all seasons the one when we all wish to share our own happiness with others. It is the wish that finds expression in the greeting of "Happy Christmas!"

If all the Happy Christmases that are wished could only come true, what a joyful place this world would be on December 25. Alas, that can never be! But it is, nevertheless, within the power of most of us to make more of those wishes come true.

There is no denying that much sadness clouds the world, and that there are hosts of our fellow creatures in need. Among them are many children—the orphaned, the sickly, the crippled, the afflicted, and the very poor. For such as these, good wishes cannot come true without some practical help.

It is hard for some of us to realise that there are still children in need. They do not clamour at our doors, or beg in the streets. Poverty is no longer as apparent in our own land as in bygone times.

The days of "street Arabs" and "waifs and strays" are happily over. Yet for all that there are still many children needing care and attention. There are motherless boys and girls, and children who have lost both parents.

There is still the tragedy of the unwanted child. And beyond our shores there are countless thousands of refugee children living in dismal camps where there can be little joy even at Christmas... even at Christmas, when all our thoughts are of the Little Child in Bethlehem.

These are the hapless ones, unseen by most of us and unheard of for most of the year, who need all the help that can be given by those of us who are more fortunate.

It is quite true that these needy children have friends, such as the charitable organisations whose appeals are printed on these pages. It is true that but for the efforts of such friends their suffering and sorrow would be even greater. It is equally

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true that to carry out and to continue their dedicated efforts, these friends need help—our help, your help, all the help we can give.

ALL mankind's concern is charity, wrote the poet Pope more than 200 years ago, and there is today as much need for charity as ever. It is said that charity begins at home, and that is certainly where it usually begins; but charity in the truest sense of the word can never end there. True charity extends beyond our own four walls. True charity embraces all mankind. It comes to life in our hearts when we can think of the friendless, the hungry, and the suffering as our sisters and brothers, and, torn with pity for them, are resolved to help them to our utmost, however little that may seem.

So, as the time draws near for us to gather round the family Christmas tree, with its glittering ornaments and mysterious parcels, let us spare a thought for a tree of a different kind: that great Tree of Charity which spreads its branches far and wide, adorned with gifts for the needy, whoever they may be, wherever they can be found. We can be sure that the lights on our own tree will shine more brightly if we have remembered to adorn that other tree by sending a donation to one of the good causes whose work we can learn about by reading these appeals.

In our charitable thoughts let us also try to find a place for the defenceless animals, who can appeal only with their eyes and are often more helpless than children. A glance at our own pet dog or cat, well cared for, will remind us of those others who would be ill-treated or perhaps wandering homeless and hungry this Christmas were there no societies devoted to protecting them.

IN this great season of giving let us be mindful of all who are in need. Eternally true are the words of St. Paul: And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

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Can you spare the price of a toy or a box of sweets for little children who cannot hear? 500 of them are being entertained to a Christmas Party organised by the National Institute for the Deaf. Please send what you can—cash or kind—to the

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NO CLUES FOR THE CONWAYS

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"Quiet as you can," he advised. "The path seems to follow the boundary of the garden jolly closely. Daren't give ourselves away now."

It was rough going, and it was slow because they were careful to avoid any sound as they thrust their way through brambles and thickets that in places obscured the path completely. Eventually the wild growth thinned out and the path inclined gently upwards towards a shallow cliff beyond which they could glimpse the river. The boundary hedge of Seeley Hall petered out and was replaced by high barbed-wire fencing through which they could see the rear of the house.

On the cliff edge

They moved in single file, bent low, the long, spiky grass and clumps of gorse and fern screening their approach, but they were forced to stop a few yards from the cliff edge. The ground was devoid of cover. They dropped on all fours behind a cluster of ferns close to the wire and surveyed the scene.

The gardens at the rear of the house were joined by a stretch of rough meadowland which ended in a sandy bank at the water's edge. Here were the remains of military defence works—a wide concrete emplacement and, a little farther away, perched at the top of the bank, an old pillbox. A concrete track passed through the meadow

to this point, and just beyond the emplacement, close to the shore, was a long, low shed with a small jetty adjoining it. Moored alongside the jetty was a smart, bridge-decked motor cruiser.

As they looked down on the scene a man appeared on the jetty and boarded the cruiser. He crossed to the farther rail and climbed down into what Jerry guessed was another boat, but they could not see the kind of craft it was, for it was hidden by the superstructure of the cruiser.

The hidden boat

"Wish I had the binoculars," Jerry said out of the corner of his mouth. He began to worm his way towards the cliff edge on his stomach. After a few minutes he returned to the cover of the ferns. "Can't even see it all from up there, but there's definitely another boat alongside the cruiser. They seem to be working on both craft."

"What kind of a boat—a yacht?" Jane whispered.

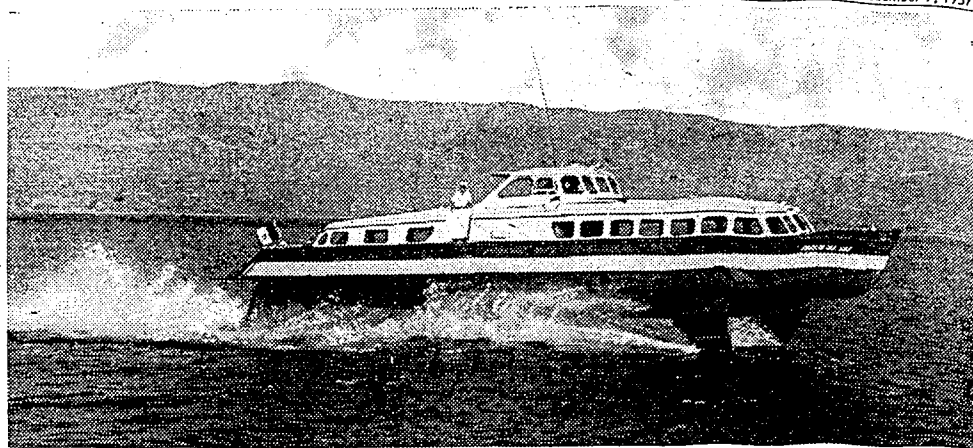
"Couldn't tell. Can't see a mast. The position's screened from any part of the cliff. The only place to get a good view is from the river."

"Well, we can fix that," Jane stared at her cousin. "Why don't we get back and sail up in Mirelda's dinghy?"

Jerry smiled grimly.

"That's just what I was thinking," he said.

To be continued



Skimming along on the crest of the waves

A new ferry-boat may now be seen racing across the Strait of Messina between Reggio Calabria, in Italy, and the Sicilian port of Messina. This craft is fitted with a hydrofoil, a device which lifts the hull from the water as the speed increases so that the boat skims along the surface. Thus equipped, the ferry-boat carrying passengers can make the trip of about six miles in only ten minutes.

THAT MODERN MUSIC

There was a time when people used to put their fingers in their ears and make faces when they heard some of the harmonies Wagner used in his operas. In the same way, many of us dislike "that modern music."

A new little book on the subject, *The Sour Sweet Music*, by Alan Fluck (Putnam 10s. 6d.), takes the unwilling listener by the hand, so to speak, and explains what these present-day composers are trying to do, and something of how they do it.

Often using printed bars of music to illustrate his point, he makes us feel that we should at least give this new music a trial.

His book also has interesting photographs of some of the better-known composers of the present time.

DANES LEARNING ABOUT OUR CARS

A party of foremen and mechanics from garages in Denmark are now taking a 14-day course of instruction at Cowley, Oxfordshire.

Similar courses for engineers from other countries are arranged by the British Motor Corporation. This is to ensure that motorists in countries which are export markets are able to obtain up-to-date service for their vehicles.

Prize watches for CN readers

Wrist-watches for their entries in CN Contest No. 27 have been awarded to the following readers: Helen Hill, Exeter; David Horn, Barnstaple; Anthea Jones, Birmingham; Jennifer Little, Dudley; and Kenneth Ross, Edinburgh. Consolation Prizes for the next-best efforts go to: Linda Drummond, Ashford; Colin Feilen, Crowborough; Ruth Fell, Swanwick; Judith Holmes, Shoreham; Marion Lloyd, Chorley; Valerie Mills, London, W.7; Mervyn Phillips, Cardiff; Janet Stamp, Exeter; Margaret Whyatt, Manchester; and Claudia Valentine, Perth.

CHILDREN'S KINGDOM

A "Children's Kingdom" will be among the features at the great Brussels Universal Exhibition, which opens next April. Designed for children of the 35 million visitors who are expected to see the exhibition, this miniature city will cater for their every need.

Inside the "Kingdom" the most imposing building is the dining hall, with floor tiles illustrating the games of different countries. Transparent doors open on to a covered gallery where the youngsters will be able to play, or rest in beds in the care of qualified nurses. Marionette performances will be given in the gallery on a double-sided stage.

The building is set in gardens and parkland, round which are ranged miniature shops, side-shows, and many other attractions.

This delightful children's city is to remain as a permanent feature of the Brussels scene after the Exhibition closes.

6350 MILES NON-STOP

An American KC-135 jet tanker aeroplane, a military version of the Boeing 707 civil airliner, has set up a record for jet aircraft by flying non-stop from Westover, Massachusetts, to Buenos Aires, 6350 miles away. The plane did not refuel during the flight, which took 13 hours.

Arts and Crafts at school

Arts and crafts have a most important place in education today for boys and girls alike. On the right we see Theresa Tunks working on a cane wastepaper basket at Alderwood School at Eltham, South London. Below, Patrick Gladwell (working at the forge) and David Postlethwaite are busy in their school metal shop at Harlow New Town, Essex.



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It wasn't so easy to smile

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THE SHAFTESBURY SOCIETY
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AMONG THE PEOPLE IN THE ARCTIC

A fascinating picture of life in the Arctic today is given by Ritchie Calder in his new book, *Men Against the Frozen North* (Allen and Unwin, 16s.). It is the story of the author's 40,000-mile journey by plane, dog-sledge, and snow tractor through Canada's Far North.

He began his great trek well south of the Arctic Circle among a widely scattered community of Indians, trappers, traders, Mounties, and Government officials. At Brochet, a Hudson's Bay Company post on Reindeer Lake, he came upon an English couple, Bill and Rene Garbett, living in a house equipped with central heating, electric light, and suchlike amenities. But it is a solitary place and Mrs. Garbett, who was a hairdresser in Coventry, keeps in touch by radio with the nearest white woman, a "neighbour" 80 miles away. Such settlers' wives make up their shopping list once a year, and the goods arrive annually on a "caterpillar train"—truck mounted on sledge runners and drawn by a tractor.

ROCK LIGHTNING

Folk living in the North speak of the rest of the world as "The Outside," and they seldom visit it, preferring their own Northern Lights to the bright lights of the city. But in their midst is something needed by the "Outside" today: Uranium, "the lightning that comes out of the rock," as the Cree Indians call it.

One of the striking results of Man's quest for the precious mineral is Uranium City, on Lake Athabasca, a place vastly different from the lawless mining towns of the Roaring Forties. Uranium City is an orderly place; carefully laid out, and it can boast churches, a school, and a hospital, as well as many kinds of shops; even a jeweller's and a beauty parlour.

Before going farther north to the lands of eternal snow, Ritchie Calder took the Arctic Survival course of which it is jestingly said, "If you survive, you've passed."

QUICK-FROZEN

A plane took the novices to Cambridge Bay, 175 miles within the Arctic Circle, and from there they marched up a frozen river to the "camp" of igloos already built for them. Being inside an igloo is an uncanny sensation; the daylight shines through the snow-block walls and "one feels as though one were living in an out-sized china lampshade." Among the many things learned by the men on the course was how to catch fish, Eskimo-fashion, by cutting through the five-foot-thick ice on a lake surface. The fish were frozen so solid by the time the men returned to their igloos that they had to be sawn up for cooking.

Ritchie Calder passed the course and was given a diploma dubbing him a "Hikko' Gnuik"—Mighty Man of the Ice. Afterwards he flew

with three Arctic doctors on their rounds and saw how sick Eskimos are sent off to the sanatorium in a "flying whale," the Eskimo name for an aeroplane.

At Aklavik, farther south, he was surprised to find that Indians and Eskimos like "cowboy songs." A young Eskimo bandleader at a concert in the local schoolroom hugged the microphone in the fashionable style and shouted: "All right boys. Take it away!" Whereupon his musicians "took it away" with gusto.

Dog sledging with Indian and Eskimo Boy Scouts was another memorable experience for the author—a bone-shaking experience—and the youngsters also took him back to a log hut, where one of their cheery sisters had prepared a banquet of reindeer stew.

ARCTIC COAL MINE

Among other wonders he saw on his travels was an Arctic coal mine, a cave glistening fantastically with ice crystals. At Yellowknife he inspected a golf course where the game can be played all night through during the summer. He also visited the most northerly inhabited place in the world, a weather station called Alert, only 400 miles from the North Pole. He went by plane, and the entire population, eight men, turned out to greet him.

He has seen for himself how people from temperate zones can live—and live comfortably, if they know the rules—in this vast desolate region of Northern Canada. And he emphasises what it holds for the future of mankind. Canada's Arctic is a geological storehouse of barely-tapped wealth, possessing the fuels and metals needed for the Atomic Age.

Mr. Ritchie Calder always writes well, and in this latest book he gives a vivid, exciting picture of little-known realms of boundless opportunity—a wild North that will reward pioneers every bit as much as the Wild West once did.

Brave Jennifer



For her bravery after a severe operation, Jennifer Craig, eight-year-old Brownie of Seaford, Sussex, was awarded the Badge of Fortitude, the Girl Guides' V.C. Here she is seen packing for a holiday in Holland, arranged by a Dutch newspaper in recognition of her pluck.

BUILDING A SHIP TO TAKE TO PIECES

A ship is to be built on Clyde-side and then taken to pieces again to be transported by sea and rail to Lake Victoria, in East Africa.

At present there are two vessels, the *Usoga* and the *Rusinga*, carrying passengers and cargo on the lake, but they have been in service for 40 years, and can no longer cope with ever-increasing demands for transport. The new ship, considerably bigger and faster than these, will solve the problem.

DELVING INTO THE PAST

More and more people are becoming interested in archaeology, largely as a result of television and radio programmes which give fascinating sidelights on a subject once popularly thought to be "dry as dust."

Plans are now being made by the Council for British Archaeology to organise and help the many young volunteers who have offered to spend their spare time "digging for history," and the Council is being assisted in its effort by a grant of £1000 from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust.

STAMP NEWS

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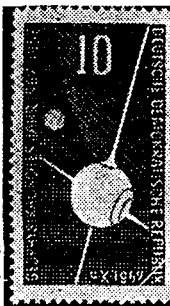
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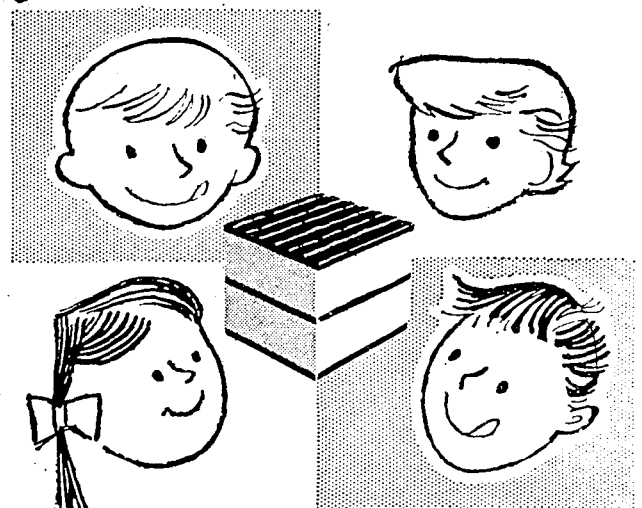
AUSTRALIA has postponed her air-liner stamp (pictured in last week's C.N.) until 1958.

HENRI DUNANT, founder of the Red Cross, is portrayed on a recently-issued Indian stamp which commemorates an international Red Cross conference in New Delhi.

It was only to be expected that sooner or later the Russian satellites would be featured on stamps. Sputnik I is pictured on a new Russian stamp, which also portrays one of the chief scientists concerned. Another Sputnik stamp, a blue, 10 pfennig, pictured here, comes from East Germany.



Black 'n' white—Chewy delight



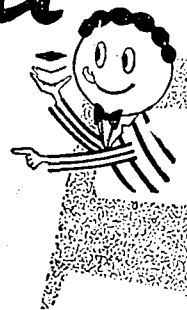
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NEWS FROM THE ZOO

THIS ANTELOPE CAN STAND ON A PENNY

AN important Zoo newcomer, now in the quarantine station for 28 days, is a ten-month-old male klipspringer (or "rock-jumper"), one of the rarer African antelopes. The first of its kind to be seen at Regent's Park since 1911, the animal is a gift from Basse, Gambia.

"The klipspringer has been a household pet ever since it was a baby, so it is delightfully tame," said a Zoo official.

"These antelopes, which are related to the better-known duikers, are very small and rarely exceed 23 inches even when fully grown. They are usually found only in twos and threes, and often their home is in rugged, mountainous regions 10,000 feet or more above sea level, far removed from human habitation. Their colour is yellowish-brown with a slight tinge of green.

"But their most remarkable feature is their small hooves. They are so tiny that the animals can keep a foothold on any rocky projection about the size of a penny."

BAG THAT MOVED.

At the reptile house they have another "stowaway"—a seven-inch lizard sent by a South African green-grocer.

"The reptile is an Anolis lizard," said Overseer R. A. Lanworn. "Evidently it came from the West Indies among a consignment of bananas. The green-grocer had just tossed aside some bags which had contained the bananas when he noticed that one of them was moving on the floor. He found the lizard inside.

"It is the only one of its kind we have at the moment, and is feeding well on flies. A curious feature of the lizard is its ability to change colour, chameleon-fashion. It has in fact changed several times since it came in. On arrival, it was a bright green, but on an earth background at the moment, it is brown. Anolis lizards usually live about a year or two at the Zoo, and we expect this one to provide plenty of entertainment."

The other day one of the Zoo flock of flamingos, taking advantage of a breeze, spread its wings and jumped over the fence of its enclosure, landing on the public pathway outside. It was soon spotted, and to make things easy for the bird, keepers opened a gate in the fence and tried to drive the flamingo through. But the flamingo would not oblige, and made several attempts to jump back over the fence. Fearing it might fracture one of its brittle leg-bones, keepers ran in and seized it. Then they carried it back to the fold.

WATCHING THE RATONS

Mr. Mike Hessey, the waterfowl keeper, told me there were over 20 flamingos in the Zoo flock, and "they are all as unintelligent as can be!" he said. "We even have to keep watch over their food-pail when we have filled it every morning, or the flamingos would allow hungry seagulls, starlings, and sparrows to deprive them of their rations."

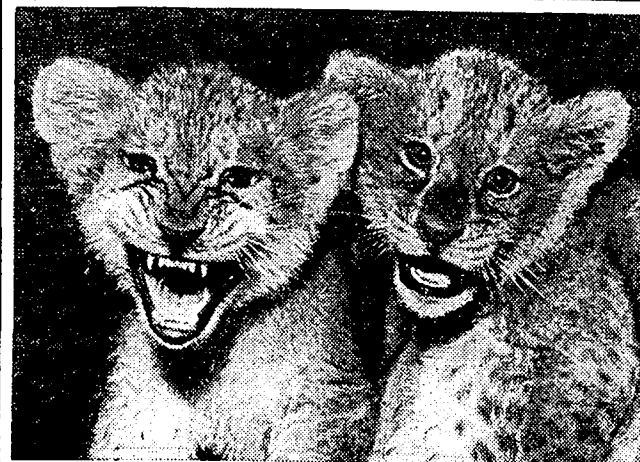
Moving house shortly are the inmates of the British Crows' Aviary. The aviary is being demolished, and a new and bigger one is being erected on a site some 50 yards away.

"The present aviary has always been regarded as a temporary structure," said an official. "It was erected soon after the war in response to many requests from bird-lovers, who suggested that the aviary would be an ideal way of allowing visitors to compare the various members of the crow family.

"In this aviary are housed such birds as crows, jays, magpies, jackdaws, rooks, hooded and carrion crows, and ravens."

The suggestion that cattle-egrets should be set free in the Zoo Gardens, as they are in the paddocks at Whipsnade, has been turned down by the authorities. They felt that the egrets would probably stray into Regent's Park, and that they might not get enough food.

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Whipsnade portrait

These lion cubs, which reached Whipsnade from Belfast Zoo recently, are not pleased at having their photograph taken.

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SPORTS SHORTS

YOUNGSTERS in Italy may one day get the chance to go to a special Soccer School if Prince Borghese has his way!

The Prince, who a year or two ago was the director in charge of the boys' teams of the famous Lazio Football Club of Rome, thinks it would be a splendid idea to enable lads to be taught, step by step, all the arts of the game by experts from an early age.

Prince Borghese once told a CN sports correspondent: "Of course, football would not be the only subject taught in the schools I have in mind. It would take priority over other subjects, but by having ordinary subjects and special career-lessons as well, the boys would be trained to take up another kind of job if injury or anything else caused them to give up the game later on."

Grand books for young sportsmen

ALL boys who are keen on games will enjoy the colourful pages of Roy of the Rovers Football Annual 1958, and Tiger Annual 1958 (Amalgamated Press, 7s. 6d. each).

Roy of the Rovers Annual is full of soccer thrills and adventures from cover to cover. Tiger Annual is packed with yarns about sport of many kinds, from chariot racing in Ancient Rome to modern motor racing.

Both are the right sort of gift for a sports-loving lad.

KNEE trouble brought Denis Compton's cricket career to a premature end. Will it do the same for Tony Lock, the Surrey and England bowler? Denis had both cartilages removed from his right knee and then underwent further operations to have "floating bones" removed. Tony Lock has also had both cartilages removed and is to have another operation. But Tony is confident that he will be playing for Surrey again next season.

THIS has certainly been Derek Ibbotson's year. Following his string of brilliant mile and three-mile victories, he has now been awarded the two most important A.A.A. trophies—the C. N. Jackson Memorial Cup, as the outstanding athlete of the year, and the Harvey Memorial Gold Cup, for the best performance in the A.A.A. championships.

THE "two Mikes" have also received A.A.A. trophies for their work during 1957. Mike Ellis, 21-year-old Thames Valley Harrier, was awarded the W. J. Pepper Memorial Trophy for the best field performance in the A.A.A. championships, with his record-breaking hammer-throw of 197 feet 8 inches. And 19-year-old Mike Lindsay received the George Hogsflesh Memorial Trophy as the best British junior athlete of the year. Mike Lindsay is now at university in the United States.

STANLEY EVANS, 16-year-old goalkeeper of Gorleston F.C., will never forget his entry into senior soccer. With their first and second team goalkeepers out of action, Gorleston played young Stanley in their senior side for the First Round F.A. Cup-tie at Gillingham a few weeks ago. Gillingham won 10-1, a disastrous experience for the youthful 'keeper, yet at the end of the game he was cheered from the field by the spectators and the players of both sides. Former goalkeeper for the Great Yarmouth Schoolboys' XI, Stanley now works as a waiter at his uncle's London hotel.

FOR the first time a Chinese woman athlete has broken a world record. She is Cheng Feng Yung, of Peking, who made a high jump of 5 feet 9½ inches.

THE first senior table tennis international match of the season will be played on Thursday, in Belfast, when Ireland meet England. Alan Rhodes, the Wembley left-hander, leads England's five, whose average age is only 22. Alan formerly used the sponge bat, now banned by the English authorities, and so he has spent the summer practising with the pimpled rubber bat. He has improved so greatly that he may soon become England's No. 1.

THE Australian Rugby tourists pay the first of their two visits to Scotland this week. This Wednesday they meet a Combined Glasgow and Edinburgh XV at Glasgow, and then go to Hawick, where, on Saturday, they are opposed by South of Scotland.

Rook stopped play

BIRDIES have their place in the game of golf—but not birds. That was the feeling of two players on the Buxton and High Peak course the other day, when a rook swooped down on to the fairway and flew off with a ball.

YET another of last summer's West Indies Test team will be spending next season in Britain, for 21-year-old wicket-keeper-batsman Rohan Kanhai has been appointed professional to the Aberdeenshire C.C. Playing in all five Tests, Kanhai scored 206 runs, with an average of 22.88. He will celebrate his 22nd birthday on Boxing Day.

BRIAN PHELPS, the 13-year-old East Ham schoolboy, has been awarded the Allen J. Perring Trophy for 1957 as the outstanding diver in the A.S.A. championships. He won the junior diving title, and was second and third in two senior events. When he appeared for Britain against Italy, in August, he became Britain's youngest diving international.

New stroke for swimmers

SWIMMERS may be trying out a new stroke before long—the Back Dolphin. This new method was demonstrated for the first time the other day by Judy Grinham and Margaret Edwards, first and third in the Olympic back-stroke last winter.

Broadly speaking, it is the old "English" back-stroke but with a dolphin kick—the legs moving up and down instead of as in a frog-kick. At the moment it is slower than the back-crawl, but with more practice our girls may widen even farther the lead they have over the rest of the world in back-stroke swimming.

ANOTHER Ted Drake may soon be making his mark in the soccer world. Eldest son of the former Arsenal and England player and now manager of Chelsea, Ted junior has joined Wimbledon, the Isthmian League amateur team. A pupil at Kingston Grammar School, young Ted is also on Chelsea's books as an amateur.

Tips for young goalkeepers

LUTON Town goalkeeper Ron Baynham has played several times for England. But, like all good footballers, he is still picking up tips—and he is always glad to pass on a few to youngsters, too.

"My advice to young goalkeepers can be divided into three parts," says Ron.

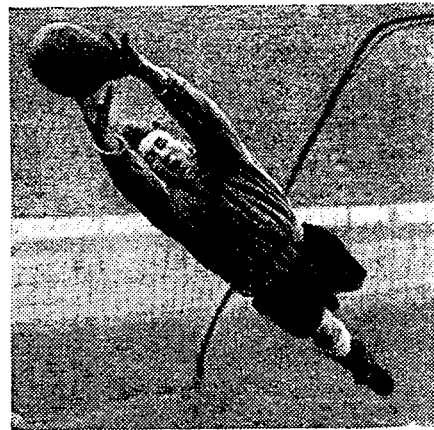
"Firstly, you must always train yourself to be alert and agile, so that your body reacts without hesitation.

"Secondly, you should never get discouraged if things don't seem to be going too well. That only makes them worse. You do learn by your mistakes.

"Then, thirdly, always try to 'use' the ball intelligently by kicking or throwing it direct to a team-mate—not just a hefty boot upfield anywhere. Don't

forget, many is the goal which can be traced straight back to a shrewd clearance by a goalkeeper which has caught the opponents 'on the wrong foot.'

"One last tip. Keep your eye on the ball—always! I know that sounds obvious, but, just because it is so obvious, many young goalkeepers ignore it to their cost."



Ron Baynham

A NEW award is to be made to Midland Rugby clubs this season—a sable's head. Brought to England last season by the South African Universities team, the head was presented to the Midland Counties side chosen by the Springboks as the best team they met on their tour. Now it is to be given each season to the Midland club considered to have rendered the best service to Rugby football.

ALTHOUGH only 19, Australia's Herb Elliott is being spoken of as likely to become the world's greatest miler. Already he has run the mile in a fraction over four minutes, and Mervyn Lincoln, himself a four-minute miler, considers that Herb will be invincible within a few years. A great deal of his training is carried out up and down sand dunes and on heavy sand on the beach.

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were there,
Each buying the other some snuff.
It did not surprise me a bit when
I saw
David Copperfield chatting to Nell.
And as I was leaving with Dombey
and Son,
Our Mutual Friend rang the bell.
Nicholas Nickleby walked up the
street.
With Bob Cratchit and Scrooge
arm-in-arm;
And then the next moment they'd
all disappeared,
As I woke to my clock's shrill
alarm.

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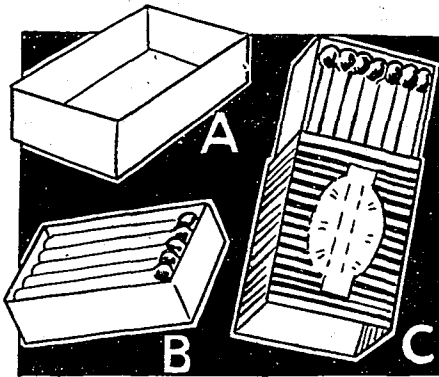
TIME PIECE

A SMALL man once started to
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And I want to see what is the time."

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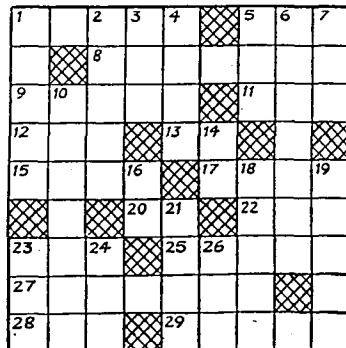
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Rubbish.
Sharp.
Something sweet.
Carries you on a journey.
A mistake.

Crossword Puzzle

READING ACROSS. 1 Mixture
of flour and water. 5 Before.
8 To regulate or restrain. 9 Mass
of people. 11 Royal Air Force.
12 Listen with it. 13 Thus.
15 Stalk. 17 Dumb. 20 Auto-
mobile Association. 22 Fresh.
23 Tool for weeding. 25 Self-
esteem. 27 Plead. 28 Royal
Society of Arts. 29 Paces.
READING DOWN. 1 Same as
29 across. 2 Twenty. 3 Pull.
4 Finishes. 5 Make a mistake.
6 Heated before a fire. 7 One of
the fairy folk. 10 Provisions.
14 Order of Merit. 16 Master of
Arts. 18 Join together. 19 Water
jugs. 21 Copies. 23 Feminine
pronoun. 24 Estimated Time of
Arrival. 26 Rodent.



Answer next week

SPOT THE . . .

MOSSes as they carpet the soil in
damp woods or beautify old walls,
rocks, and trees. It is often
wrongly thought that mosses have
no flowers, but a number of the
commoner types have pretty, star-
shaped flowers.

There are hundreds of British
species, and one of the most com-
mon, often found on moist, sandy
banks, is apple moss. It gets its
name from the seed capsules,
which take the form of minute
apples.

FAIRY TINKER

STROLLING through a daisy field

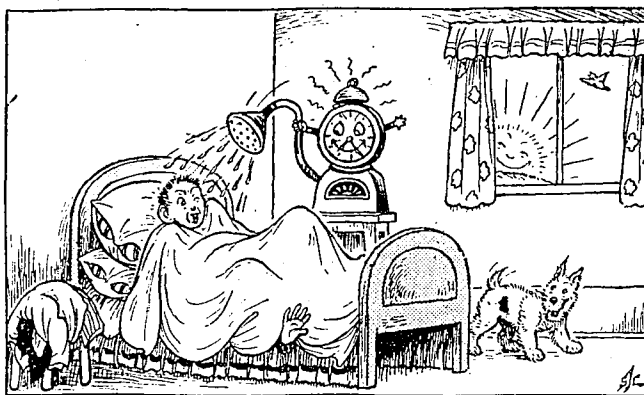
One lovely sunny day,
I saw a fairy tinker
As he went upon his way.

From a matchbox he had made
A caravan for a house;
Thatched with woven barley straws
And drawn by a sprightly mouse.

All around his caravan,
Ringing merrily like bells,
Were fairy pans and kettles
All made out of walnut shells.

From my secret hiding place
I heard his goblin cry.
"Finest pans and kettles, too,
For fairy folk to buy."

JACKO RISES WITH ADOLPHUS'S LARK



Jacko was such a heavy sleeper that his mother bought him a new clock
with an extra loud alarm. But even this failed to wake him from his
peaceful slumbers. "I've got an idea," said Adolphus to Mother Jacko.
"Something that will get Master Jacko out of bed in double-quick time
even on the coldest of mornings. Leave it to me." On the following
morning the alarm went off as usual, and for a moment all was quiet. Then
came a yell from Jacko's bedroom: "Help. The roof's leaking," he cried,
leaping from bed. Then he saw that it was quite a sunny morning and the
rain—well, it had been timed to fall!

BEDTIME TALE

JIMMY FINDS A WAY

JIMMY, the pet Jackdaw, sat
hunched on the gate leading
to the Abbey meadows, wondering
whether he had been stupid, after
all.

It had seemed such a good idea
to fly away when he had found
that Roger had not shut his cage
door properly. He had taken no
notice when the sparrows had
cried warningly: "You don't
know how to take care of your-
self. You will come to a bad
end."

Still, off he had fluttered, rather
clumsily, because he was not used
to flying, till he had come to this
vast, empty meadow. Now he
was tired and, what was worse,
very hungry.

But he was not used to finding
food for himself, either. Roger
had fed him ever since he had
found him in the church tower.

Jimmy thought hungrily now of
the worms, and fruit, and scraps
that Roger brought him daily. "I
had better go back home, after
all," he said.

Then he found he could not
remember the way!

Just then he heard voices, and
from the Abbey School came boys
marching to play in the meadow
for Break.

FOUR BLANKS

THE blanks in this little poem are
to be filled by adding a letter
to the previous word. The first
word needed consists of two let-
ters, the second three, the third
four, and the fourth five letters.
Come, sit down . . . the table,
And have your . . . , Jill dear.
We cannot wait for Peter;
He's . . . again, I fear."
The Mother was not anxious—
She knew her boy of old.
"I don't suppose he'll mind much
If his toast is . . . and cold!"

A CATCH

Is there a difference?
I cannot be sure,
Between twice four and twenty,
And twice twenty-four.

The answers to these puzzles
are given in column 5

THE CONTENTED CHILD

I WOULD not be a woolly bear
For anything I know;
I would not be a running hare
Or else a big black crow;
I would not be a cunning fox.
An elephant, or gnat;
I would not be a horse or ox.
An owl, a mouse, a bat.
No animal nor fish nor bird
Lives such a life as I;
They cannot speak a single word
And when they die they die;
But I have cricket-bats and things,
And ride in motor-cars,
And I can mount on golden wings
To buzz among the stars.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Word square.

WASTE
ACUTE
SUGAR
TRAIN
ERROR

What am I? Broom. Four blanks. At, tea,
late, stale.

Add them. For-got-ten; a-not-her; to-get-
her; an-not-ate.

A catch. 20. Twice four and twenty—28.
Twice twenty-four is 48.

JUST A FEW WORDS

- C Prolific means producing many off-
spring; fruitful. (From Latin *proles*, off-
spring, and *facere*, to make.)
- B Demise means death, especially of a
sovereign or a distinguished person; and
thus the transfer of the crown or of an
estate to a successor. (An old French
word meaning laid down—from Latin
demissus, drooping.)
- A Crucial, supremely testing or decisive.
(From Latin *cruciare*, to crucify.)
- A To scintillate is to sparkle. (From
Latin *scintilla*, a spark.)
- A Viscous means sticky, semi-fluid.
(From Latin *viscum*, mi-tletoe. Its berries
produce a sticky substance.)
- B Halcyon means calm; peaceful.
Halcyon was the Greek name for the king-
fisher, once believed to make a floating
nest on the sea and to charm the surface
into calmness during hatching.

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ENJOY
YOUR
DAILY
MILK IN
CADBURYS

